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1. On 27 April 1951, six AA guns were emplaced at the railroad bridge across the Elbe River at Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60). Five earth shelters were observed near the guns. [REDACTED]
2. At the Magdeburg freight station, about 40 boxcars were loaded with equipment which had been brought by trucks from the direction of the Flak Kaserne on Zibkeleberweg. The trucks

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3. Only a few soldiers were seen in the Flak Kaserne on Zibkeleberweg. According to local residents, the unit from the installation had left, allegedly for Born and Planken. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [REDACTED]

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4. No training activities were observed in the billeting area of the Artillerie Kaserne on the north and south side of Breitscheidstrasse on 27 April. German residents said that the troops had left the installation by road about two weeks before. The heavily damaged barracks building was being reconditioned by German laborers. Trucks seen in the billeting area were [REDACTED]

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5. On 27 April, a convoy of about 25 trucks carrying troops and equipment and towing 12 heavy mortars left the Nachrichten Kaserne on Jerichowerstrasse, going toward Herrnkrugstrasse and Lange Bruecke. The convoy included trucks

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6. No training activity was observed in the Pionier Kaserne on Turmschanzenstrasse. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia.

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7. The Hindenburg Kaserne on Herrnkrugstrasse was still occupied by troops on 27 April. About 400 troops were drilling at group and platoon level while 100 other troops with practice targets marched toward the target range. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. The damaged barracks buildings was still being repaired.

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Comments.

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- (1) The AA gun emplacement at the eastern Elbe River bank, south of the Magdeburg-Berlin railroad line, was reported at the end of March 1951. However, only five emplaced 37-mm AA guns at that time. See

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- (2) The Flak Kaserne on Zibkeleberweg quarters elements of the 3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army. The loading of a train on 27 April 1951 may have been in conjunction with the movement of units of this division to Letzling Heath, as units had started to arrive at Letzling Heath in mid-April 1951. The movement included a convoy with AA guns of the 3d Gds AAA Div, which arrived at Letzling Heath on 19 April.

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- (3) It is possible that the 63d Gds Mecz Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div, which is believed to be located in the barracks installation on the north and south side of Breitscheidstrasse, left about 20 April 1951, probably for Letzling Heath. The artillery components (?) of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps or the Third Shock Army, which are also carried in the installation probably moved to Altengrabow.
- (4) According to and the heavy mortars observed, the convoy may have been an element of the 573d (?) Mort Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div.
- (5) The signal unit of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps or the Third Shock Army, which is carried in the Pionier Kaserne, probably moved to a troop training grounds.
- (6) The information indicates that the headquarters units of the Third Shock Army, believed to be located in the Hindenburg Kaserne, were still there.

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